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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT--SEPARATE SCHEDULE ITEMS FOR SECRETARY

REF: STATE 57367

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO REFTEL MUST BE REGARDDDED AS A
TENTATIVE ONE IN VIEW OF PRESENT UNCERTAINTY REGARDING
CONTENTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE HERE.

2. WE RECOMMEND MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA TO FOLLOW UP ON HEADS OF STATE
MEETING. THIS MEETING SHOULD FOCUS ON SUBJECTS THAT DO
NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT DETAILED DISCUSSION DURING CARTER/
OBASANJO CONVERSATION (SUCH AS RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, WESTERN
SAHARA OR THE HONR) OR WHICH MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RAISED
BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS.

3. FINAL DECISION ON TIMING MUST AWAIT DECISIONS ON
PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. SUING SCHEDULE PROVIDED IN
LAGOS 2574, SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE POSSIBLE BETWEEN
1400 AND 1500 APRIL 1. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE
AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2 AFTER RETURN FROM KKANO.

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4. WE BELIEVE DEDICATION OF NEW EMBASSY BUILDING WOULD
ALSO BE A SUITABLE EVENT FOR THE SECRETARY UNLESS THE
PRE-ADVANCE TEAM DECIDES TO ADD IT TO THE PRESIDENT'S
SCHEDULE. THE EVENT COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR 9:15
APRIL 1. IF THIS TIME WERE SELECTED, IT WOULD BE AN
ALL AMERICAN FUNCTION, SINCE OFFICIAL ARRIVAL CEREMONIES

WOULD NOT YET HAVE TAKEN PLACE. EMBASSY FAMILIES,
AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OTHER AMERICAN RESIDENTS
WOULD BE INVITED.

5. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THE LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2 IS
NOT RESERVED FOR A MEETING WITH GARBA, THE SECRETARY COULD
PRESIDE AT THE DEDICATION BEFORE A JOINT NIGERIAN/AMERICAN
AUDIENCE.

6. WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ANY OTHER SEPARATE ACTIVITIES
FOR THE SECRETARY.
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